



## Melbourne Australia: March 2010

Melbourne Chargers Rugby Union Football Club would like to respond to the Victorian Rugby Union Meeting held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March.

Footscray Rugby Union Club had lodged an appeal with the VRU (Victorian Rugby Union) regarding the VRU's decision to relegate Footscray Rugby Club from the Premier Division to Second Grade. The Resolution was not heard by the Union meeting after the union voted against hearing the proposal 19-17

The reasons given for the VRU's decision were:

1. Footscrays' lack of a junior pathways program.
2. Melbourne Chargers perceived lack of playing ability.
3. A perceived lack of overall player numbers resulting from not partnering with Wyndham City Rugby Club in 2010

Footscray responded to these points in writing and was prepared to discuss these points further at the meeting.

Melbourne Chargers would be disappointed if it became apparent that the Footscray RUFC had been relegated to the Second Grade because of a perceived lack of ability amongst Melbourne Chargers players. Melbourne Chargers players have been actively training with Footscray RUFC since pre-season training began, and have fielded a competitive side in their pre-season games so far.

Melbourne Chargers are open to working with the VRU to have this matter heard and overturned to ensure that Footscray Rugby Club's 3 teams (including the Melbourne Chargers) play in the Premier Grade.

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